Closure of Cotton Mills

884. SHRI CO. POULOSE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that many cotton mills in the country are being closed down/facing closure;

(b) if so, the number of units closed down and the reason therefore; and

(c) the number of workers affected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) to (c): As on 30th September, 2002, there were 464 (334 Spinning and 130 Composite) cotton/man-made fibre textile mills (non-SSI) lying close in the country. There were 3.81 lakh workers on roll in these closed textile mills. The number of units closed down and the reasons thereof are as under :—

S. No.	Reasons of closure	Spinning mills	Composite mills	Total
I.	Financial difficulties	191	99	290
2.	Strike/Labour Problems	55	12	67
3.	Lockout	20	3	23
4.	Other reasons	68	16	84
TOTA		334	130	464

Out of the 464 cotton/man-made fibre textile mills (non*SSI) lying closed, 19 mills are closed under Section 25(0) of Industrial Disputes Act, 2 mills are closed under Section 25(L) of Industrial Disputes Act and 76 mills are closed under Official Liquidator.